Please return. Sending only because I thought you'd be interested in this kind of STM: Steel Trap Mouth. Given recent history, O. should have asked his companions to find some of their wives' worn-out stockings so he could not identify. He's headed toward Durance Vile!

Warrant Issued for Boston Reporter Who Flew on Wounded Knee Drop

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The FBI said yesterday that a warrant has been issued for the arrest of a Boston Globe reporter who was aboard one of three single-engine planes that dropped supplies to Indians occupying Wounded Knee, S.D.

The reporter, Thomas Oliphant of the Globe's Washington bureau, who wrote a first-person account of the air drop, said he had arranged to surrender voluntarily to the FBI at a suburban Washington office at 10 a.m. Monday.

An FBI spokesman said Oliphant was charged with conspiracy to violate anti riot provisions of the 1968 federal crime control act. A Massachusetts psychologist, William B. Zimmerman, was arrested on the same charge in Boston yesterday in connection with the air drop.

Released on personal recognizance for a hearing May 18, Zimmerman said he was accused "of bringing food and supplies to people who, from newspaper accounts, have been subsisting on a bowl off rice a day for several weeks."

The psychologist, who is also national coordinator of Medical Aid for Indochina, refused to say whether he was aboard any of the planes that dropped nearly a ton of supplies Tuesday, but he said he felt most Americans would support "anyone who brings supplies to people who are supposedly violating an illegal federal blockade."

Oliphant wrote in his story that "federal officials were taken by surprise by the air drop" and that Indians holding the town were unaware of the mission. The newsman said he was allowed to accompany the seven men on the mission, which cost an estimated $5,000, on the condition that the names of those involved not be used in the stor.

FBI agents turned up at the reporter's home in Potomac, Md., yesterday morning only to be met, Oliphant said later, by an indignant Mrs. Oliphant who "tells me she chased 'em off the property yelling to them about harassing the press."

Oliphant had been in Boston for the past three days, working at the Globe office there, and returned to Washington around noon. The newspaper's attorney here, James McKay, arranged for Oliphant to turn himself in on Monday.

Government officials, meanwhile, reported that another single-engine plane may have droppped more supplies into Wounded Knee during a pass over the town Friday night. Deputy Assistant Attorney General Richard Hellstern told reporters in South Dakota that federal officers shot off flares but failed to identify the plane.

Oliphant's story in the Globe included a statement from the members of Tuesday's mission who said the delivery of food supplies was being carried out "by a large number of Americans who have worked and continue to work to end American aggression in Indochina."